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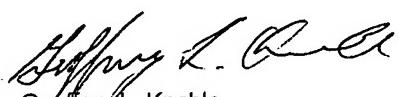
1. The amendment filed on 14 February 2005 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment is disapproved because: (1) it presents an additional claim without canceling a corresponding number of claims; (2) new claim 45 is not of the same scope or content as claim 6 (i.e. claim 6 further defined a second arm whereas new claim 45 refers to "at least one of said first arm and said other arms") and therefore would require significant new consideration to determine particularly whether such an amendment is supported by the original disclosure; and (3) the amendment includes claims 24-44 but these claims were canceled in the 11-12-2004 examiner's amendment.



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